process of disinvestment/Joint Venture formation has been initiated in 13 PSEs. A list of such PSEs is given as under:

SI. No.	Name of the PSEs
1.	Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd.
2.	Bharat Wagon & Engineering Co. Ltd.
3.	Burn Standard Co. Ltd.
4.	Hindustan Photo Films Mfg. Co. Ltd.
5.	Hindustan Salts Ltd.
6.	HMT(Chinar Watches) Ltd.
7.	HMT (Machine Tools) Ltd.
8.	HMT (Watches) Ltd.
9.	Instrumentation Ltd.
10.	National Instruments Ltd.
11.	Richardson & Cruddas Ltd.
12.	Sambhar Salts Ltd.
13.	Tyre Corporation of India Ltd.

One PSE namely Cement Corporation of india Ltd. (CCI) is being disinvested by the BIFR through asset sale.

HMT Ancillary Industrial Sheds

576. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the issue of transfer of ownership of HMT ancillary industrial sheds to individual licence holders has been pending with Government since 1997;

(b) whether Government are aware that there is lot of restiveness amongst nearly 48 entrepreneurs who had earlier served the HMT; and

(c) if so, the steps Government have taken to resolve the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) to (c) The HMT Ancillary Units Entrepreneurs have requested HMT Limited for transfer of ownership of HMT ancillary industrial sheds to them. However, they are not prepared to pay the price determined by the company. Therefore, HMT Ltd., is unable to transfer the ownership of the sheds. However, HMT Ltd., is willing to consider to transfer these sheds to entrepreneurs provided they are prepared to pay the determined price.

Units of HMT

577. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the output in the various units of HMT, separately;

(b) whether Government are aware that for quite sometime the Ranibagh Unit of the HMT has been giving a very low output for want of raw material and working capital in comparison to its set capacity; and

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to increase the output of the units conforming to its capacity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR) : (a) The details of output (production) in various units of HMT is given as per statement *(See* below).

(b) On account of declining trend in demand for mechanical watches, poor sales, paucity of funds for working capital, etc. the unit has not been operating to its full capacity.

(c) HMT Watches Limited has initiated steps to produce quartz watches at Ranibagh in addition to mechanical watches.

Further, in order to reduce cost of manpower, Government have been providing budgetary support for manpower rationalization.

Under the Turnaround Plan sanctioned in year 2000, Government